

Study in Genesis:

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“Study of the Book of Genesis”

- **Study Description:**

- This study is designed to help the student develop an overview of the Book of Genesis. The outline/study is developed to assist the student in understanding the basic principles of the Word of God from Creation, the foundation of the world, the Jewish Nation, to the coming of Christ. The following study allows the student and teacher to interact and discuss the material or it may be completed as an individual study.

- **Study Objectives**

- The student will develop an understanding of how to study the word of God and how God interacts with His chosen people.

- **Study Method**

- This study is designed as a self-study program or as group study program; students will be expected to use integrity in

completing the assignments by assuring all answers are his/her own thoughts.

- **Study Requirements**

- Student will complete all related questions and assignments within the attached Independent Study Guide.
 - All the answers to the **Questions** (a, b, c etc.) are from the Bible.

- **Study Materials and Required Reading:**

- **Student will Read Book of Genesis:** A minimum of two different versions of the Bible, such as KJV and the NIV, or the NKJV and the NLT.
- **Highly Recommended and Great Resources but not required reading:**
 - *Gleaning in Genesis* by Arthur Pinks
 - *In the Beginning* by John R. Rice
 - *Genesis Flood* by John C Whitcomb and Henry M Morris
 - *Life Lessons from Genesis* by Max Lucado
 - *Genesis Record* by Henry M Morris and Arnold Ehlert

A Brief Overview of the Book of Genesis

- Hebrew Name - Bereshith "in the beginning"
- Greek Name - Genesis "origination"
- Author - Moses
- Date - From 4004 to 1635 BC Approximately
- Theme - The Founding of the Hebrew Nation
- Types and Shadows - In Genesis Jesus is the seed of the woman

I like the commentator Matthew Henry's thoughts on the Book of Genesis.

"We have before us the first and longest of those five books, which we call Genesis, written, some think, when Moses was in Midian, for the instruction and comfort of his suffering brethren in Egypt: I rather think he wrote it in the wilderness, after he had been in the mount with God, where, probably, he received full and particular instructions for the writing of it. And, as he framed the tabernacle, so he did the more excellent and durable fabric of this book, exactly according to the pattern shown him in the mount, into which it is better to resolve the certainty of the things herein contained than into any tradition which possibly might be handed down from Adam to Methuselah, from him to Shem, from him to Abraham, and so to the family of Jacob. Genesis is a name borrowed from the Greek. It signifies the original, or generation: fitly is this book so called, for it is a history of originals-the creation of the world, the entrance of sin and death into it, the invention of arts, the rise of nations, and especially the planting of the church, and the state of it in its early days. It is also a history of generations-the generations of Adam, Noah, Abraham, etc., not endless, but useful genealogies. The beginning of the New Testament is called Genesis too (Mt. 1:1), Biblos geneseous, the book of the genesis, or generation, of Jesus Christ. Blessed be God for that Book which shows us our remedy, as this opens our wound. Lord, open our eyes, that we may see the wondrous things both of thy law and gospel!"¹

¹ Henry, Matthew; An Exposition, With Practical Observations, of The First Book of Moses, Called Genesis, Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible.
<https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/mhc/misc/index.cfm>

Genesis is divided into 5 parts:

- "Creation (Genesis 1:1 - 2:25)
- The fall and redemption (Genesis 3:1-4; 3:7).
- The Diverse Seeds, Cain and Seth, to the Flood (Genesis 4:8 - 7:24).
- The Flood to Babel (Genesis 8:1 - 11:9).
- The call of Abram to the death of Joseph (Genesis 11:10 - 50:26)

Genesis is the title given to the first book of Moses by its Greek translators. The word Genesis means "origin" or "beginning". Genesis truly is a book of origins, and beginnings. Genesis describes the beginning of man, the universe in which he lives and has been given dominion over. Genesis also describes the beginning of sin, the beginning of God's plan of redemption, and the beginning of the Hebrew nation through whom God's redemption, through the Messiah, was to come.

The book of Genesis, together with the first few chapters of Exodus, describes the events which led to God's establishment of His theocracy with the people of Israel.

There are two main themes in this book:

- People of God
- Promised Land

Genesis has a clear message which is both special to Israel and universal to all mankind. It embraces all of mankind in every nation as it speaks of God as the Lord of all men in the human race. Yet, the Book of Genesis is also an introduction to Jewish history and it makes the universal interest less important to the special message about the Jewish people. The design of Genesis is to show how God first revealed himself to the patriarchs of the Hebrew race in order to make of them a people who would serve as his witnesses to the rest of the world. He led Abraham to the Promised Land which happened to be in the exact center of the ancient world. These two essential points are the inner principles of unity which persist throughout the entire book."²

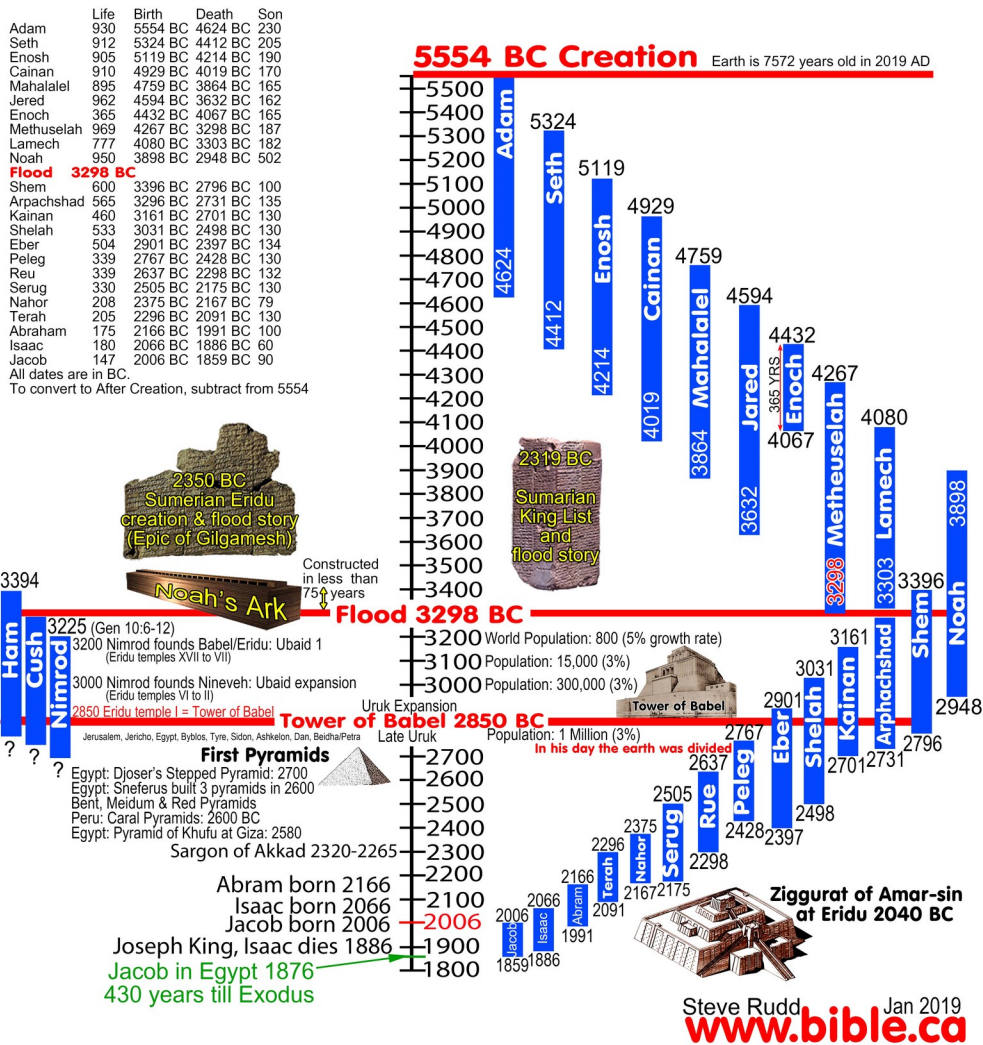
² Bible History: <https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofgenesis.html>

Now the real work begins as we study the Book of beginnings and the foundational truths of God's word.

Please keep in mind this is not an exhaustive study of Genesis. It is a foundational study with the goal of developing a basic understanding and a desire for a more in-depth study as God allows you.

In your individual study of the Book of Genesis read the related verses and answer the question, or as a group discuss the questions. The objective of the course is to help you develop an understanding of the Holy Bible.

Creation | Flood | Abraham Septuagint Chronology¹



¹: The Masoretic Text chronology from Abraham to Adam was corrupted by Jews in 160 AD at Zippori for anti-Christian theological reasons. The Septuagint Chronology in whole is the original and correct. Jacob's birth is 2006 BC, Exodus 1446 BC, Solomon's temple started 967 BC in both MT and LXX texts.

Creation

- Genesis 1:1 states who created the universe
- **The word for God here is "elohiym" ...** Pronunciation **"el-ō-hēm"** the Strong Concordance states its meaning as:
 - **'ēlôhîym, el-o-heem'**; plural of H433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of

deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative:—
angels, × exceeding, God (gods) (-dess, -ly), × (very) great,
judges, × mighty.³

- What does the scripture tell us God created on each of the following days?
 - 1st day (1:3-5)
 - He separated what?
 - 2nd day (1:6-8)
 - 3rd day (1:9-13)
 - 4th day (1:14-19)
 - 5th day (1:20-23)
 - 6th day (1:24-31)
 - On this day God created living things that would _____.
 - He created Man in whose image? (1:26)
 - Man would do what?
 - What was the one common wording at the end of each day? “And God saw _____.”
- What did God do on the seventh day? (2:1-3)
 - What did he say about the 7th day?

³ Strong Concordance; <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=H430&t=KJV>

In the Garden of Eden (2:4-17)

- How was man formed?
 - Interesting point here, Man was formed using the Hebrew words defined in Strong Concordance: ***“yâtsar, yaw-tsar”***; probably identical with (through the squeezing into shape); to mold into a form; especially as a potter; figuratively, to determine (i.e. form a resolution):—× earthen, fashion, form, frame, make(-r), potter, purpose.”⁴
 - We were formed the same way a potter makes a clay pot!
- What did God do to bring Adam to life?
- How does God describe the Garden?
- What did God use from Adam’s body to make the women?
- What did God call woman in relationship to man (His what?)

Temptation and fall (Ch.3)

- Who was tempted first in the Garden? (Reference back to 2:16)
- What did God tell Adam & Eve not to do in the Garden?
- What did the serpent tell Eve when he tempted her to eat the fruit?
- How did he change what God said?

Here is personal question ... Why do you think Adam ate the fruit, even knowing there were consequences?

- How different is he than any of us today?
- What did God say would happen if they ate from the tree in the Middle of the Garden?

⁴ Strong Concordance; <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strong=H3335&t=KJV>

- What is the difference between what God said about the tree and what the serpent said about the tree?
- How did the serpent change God's word to Eve?
- What did Adam and Eve do when they heard God in the Garden?
- What did God do to them because of their sin? (What did God kill?)
 - This is the first recorded death in the scripture, and the first sacrifice recorded.
- What were the physical consequences for each person for eating the fruit?
 - Adam
 - Eve
 - Serpent

The first murder (Ch. 4)

- What did God require as an offering?
- What did Cain do for a living?
- What did Abel do for a living?
- What offering did Cain bring to God? Was this the offering God requested as a form of worship to him?
- What offering did Abel bring to God? Was this the offering God had requested as a form of worship to him?
- What did Cain do when God rejected his offering as inappropriate and incomplete?
- What was God's response to Cain's actions?

There is a debate among Bible scholars where Cain got his wife. However, most scholars believe that she was a relative that had moved to a different area to start a family. She could have been a cousin, aunt, niece, or some other acquaintance.

- How old was Adam when he died?
- List those in the line of Cain (4:17-24)
- List those in the line of Seth.

Pause here for a moment and look at a member of Seth's family that had an awesome testimony. What was Enoch's testimony? What is God saying about your testimony?

- Who was Enoch's son? How long did he live?
- What was his testimony? Genesis 5: 24?

From Adam to Noah (Ch. 5).

- List the individuals in this chapter and the number of years they lived.

NOAH (Ch: 6-9)

- What was the description of the wickedness which moved God's heart?
- What did God say about Noah? (6:9)

- What was size of the Ark?
- What was the Ark made of?
- What was the outside covered with?
- How many doors did it have?
- How many pairs of each clean animal did they bring on board?
 - List several animals that the Bible says are clean.
- How many pairs of each unclean animal did they bring on board?
 - List several animals that the Bible states are unclean?
- What mountain did the ark settle on?
- What did Noah send out of the ark first?
- What did Noah send out the second time?
- What did it bring back?
- Name the people in the ark with Noah.
- What did the Lord promise Noah after the flood? What did he give as a sign of His promise?

The descendants from Noah (Ch. 10)

- What does the scripture say about Noah's sons?

The Tower of Babel (11: 1-9)

Interesting note: Research throughout the world finds that most ancient temples, Egyptian, Aztecs, Inca and others are similar. Many scholars believe the Tower of Babel was built in Babylon. Below is an image of what it is believed to have looked like.



- How many languages were there at the time they were building the Tower of Babel?
- Where were the people attempting to build a tower to?
- What did God say about their ability to accomplish this?
- What did God do to interfere with their plans?
- What did the individuals have to do at this point?



An interesting note I found on the www.bible.ca website. They suggest that Abraham would have been 42 years old when Noah died, and could possibly have had some personal interaction. This could explain Abram's faith in God.

Abram (12-25)

- What was God's call on Abram's life?
- What was God's promise to Abram about his offspring?
- What was the covenant God made with Abram?

Note: "A Covenant is an agreement between two parties. The agreement, according to Ancient Near East custom, consisted of five parts: 1) Identification of parties, 2) Historical prologue where the deeds establishing the worthiness of the dominant party is established, 3) Conditions of the agreement, 4) Rewards and punishments regarding keeping the conditions, and 5) Disposition of the documents where each

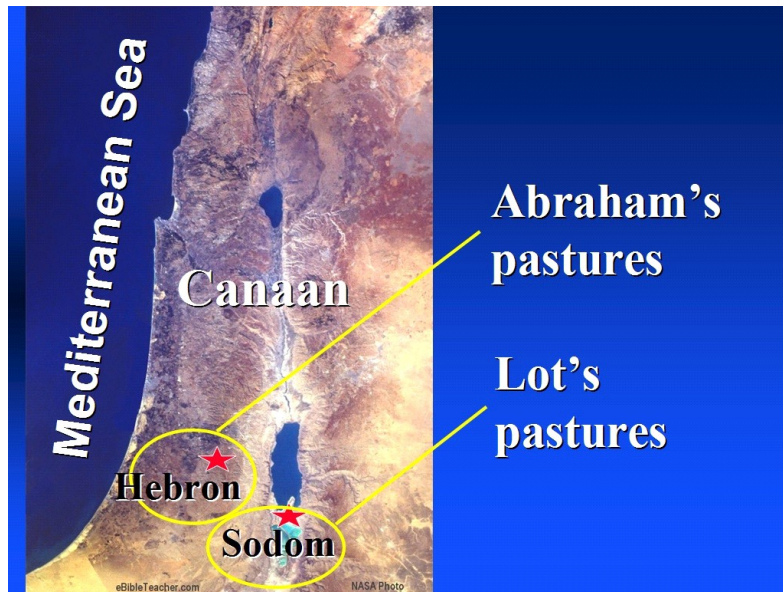
party receives a copy of the agreement (e.g., the two tablets of stone of the 10 Commandments).”⁵

- Where did Abram go during the time of the famine? (12:10-12)
- Where was Abram from?
- Abram's name was changed to what?
- What reason did God give for changing Abram's name?
- What was the relationship between Lot and Abram?
- Who took Abraham's nephew Lot captive? (14:1-17)
- How many men did Abraham take to go get them back?
- Who did Abraham give an offering to?
- Who did King Melchizedek represent? (what city?) (14:17-21)
- 64) Whose son is Ishmael?
- How old was Abraham when Ishmael was born? How old was Sara?
- As you read the story of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, and Ishmael did everything go as planned? What were some of the negative consequences they faced?
- Who told Abram that his wife Sarah was going to have a baby in her old age?
- What did Sarah do when she overheard the news that she was going to get pregnant?
- How old were Sarah and Abram when they heard the news?

⁵ Slick, Matt. Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry. 2013 <https://carm.org/dictionary-covenant>

The Split between Abraham and Lot:

Map ...



Sodom and Gomorrah (Ch. 18)

- Who pleaded with God for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? Why?
- How many righteous people had to be in Sodom for God to spare the city?
- Who did God send to the city to get Lot and his family?
- What did the men of the city do?
- What did Lot offer the men of the city in exchange for his guest's safety?
- What did God do to the men of the city?
- How did God destroy the cities?
- What did Lot's wife do on the way out of the city? What happened to her?
- What sin did Lot and his daughters commit in the caves?
- What lie did Abraham and Sarah tell King Abimelech? (chapter 20)
- Abimelech was the king of _____.
- Why did they lie?
- What did God do because of their lie? What did the King do?
- What was the miracle around the birth of Isaac? What did Sarah force Abraham to do with his son Ishmael and his mother? (21:1-21)
- What did God promise Hagar the mother of Ishmael about her son?
- Where did Ishmael and his mother settle?
- Where was his wife from?

- What did he become?
- Who accompanied Abimelech to meet Abraham?
- What did Abraham give to Abimelech?
- What was the reason for this?

Abraham's faith, as demonstrated by his willingness to sacrifice Isaac (Ch. 22):

- Where did Abraham and Isaac go?
- Who went with them?
- What did Abraham and Isaac take with them when they left the others?
- What did God supply for the sacrifice?
- Where did Abraham and Isaac settle and live?
- How old was Sarah when she died?
- When Sarah died who did they purchase the family burial ground from? (Ch. 23);

Marriage of Isaac (Ch. 24)

- Who did Abraham send to find Isaac a wife?
- What was his wife's name?
- Who was her father and mother?
- Where was she from?
- Did Abraham remarry? To whom?
- Did he have more sons? Name them.

Abraham's death is recorded (25:1-11)

- Who was with him?
- How did he die?

100) How old was he?

Generations of Ishmael (25:12-18).

101) Identify the generations of Ishmael?

102) What people have they become today?

Isaac (25: 19-26; 35)

103) Who were Isaac two sons?

104) What did Esau sell his birthright to Jacob for?

105) How did Jacob deceive his father?

106) What did Jacob steal from his brother?

107) Who helped Jacob deceive his father?

Jacob leaves home (27:1-28:9)

108) Who did Isaac and Rebekah tell Jacob not to marry?

Vision of the ladder at Bethel (28:10-15).

109) Who did Jacob struggle with at the well?

110) What did Jacob call the place where he struggled?

Jacob's marriages (Ch. 29)

111) What did Rachel come to the well to do?

112) How long did Jacob work for Laban in total?

113) What was the agreement if he worked for him?

114) What happened on his wedding night?

115) What did Jacob have to do in order to obtain his desire (the women he really loved)?

116) Who did Jacob really love?

117) How many children did Jacob and Leah have? Name them.

118) How many children did Jacob and Rachel have? Name them.

119) How many children did Jacob have by other women? Name the women and their children.

120) Why did Jacob leave Laban?

121) Did Laban come after him?

122) What was the agreement (covenant) that Jacob made with Laban?

123) Did Jacob reach out to his brother Esau prior to their meeting?

124) Where did Jacob wrestle with the angel?

125) Why did he wrestle with angel of God? What did he want from God?

126) What did the Angel of God do to Jacob to because he could not defeat him?

127) What did God change Jacob's name to?

128) What does the name change mean?

129) Where did Jacob meet Esau?

130) Did he have the conflict with his brother that he had feared?

131) In what nation did he spend his last day?

132) Who raped Jacob's daughter Dinah?

133) What was the agreement between the two fathers?

134) What did Jacob's sons do?

Jacob had a total of 12 sons

135) Which son was clearly the one that Jacob loved the most?

136) Who was his mother?

- 137) What did Jacob give him that was unique?
- 138) Who became jealous of Joseph?
- 139) What was the original plan for Joseph?
- 140) Which brother became the voice of reason, and proposed selling him?
- 141) What was the lie the brothers told Jacob about Joseph?

Joseph in Egypt

- 142) What was the name of Joseph's master when he was sold into slavery?
- 143) What did his master's wife attempt to do?
- 144) What was the accusation that she made against Joseph?
- 145) What did God give Joseph the ability to do while in prison?
- What was the baker's dream? What did God tell Joseph it meant?
 - What was the cupbearer dream? What did God tell Joseph it meant?
- 146) When Pharaoh had his dream, who remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him?

"Pharaoh was a ruler in ancient [Egypt](#). The word "pharaoh" was a Hebrew word used to designate the King of ancient Egypt. The word occurs over 220 times in the [Bible](#), three references in the [New Testament](#) ([Acts 7:10](#); [7:13](#); [Rom. 9:17](#)). In ancient Egypt, the Pharaoh was considered to be a god. The Israelites were enslaved by Egypt."⁶

- 147) What was Pharaoh's dream?

⁶ Slick, Matt. Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry. 2013
<https://carm.org/dictionary-pharaoh>

148) What did Pharaoh promise anyone who could interpret the dream?

149) What interpretation did God give to Joseph?

150) What position was Joseph given following the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream?

151) What was Joseph's challenge the first 7 years?

152) What did he do the second 7 years?

153) During this time what was happening in the house of Jacob?

154) Why did Joseph's brothers come to Egypt?

155) How many of Joseph's family came to Egypt the first time?

156) What did Joseph instruct his servant do?

157) Who did Joseph demand they bring when they returned?

158) How did Joseph reveal his identity to his brothers?

At the insistence of Joseph & Pharaoh, Jacob and his family settle in Egypt.

159) Which two sons of Joseph did Jacob bless?

160) what was Jacob's prophecy concerning the twelve tribes?